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SUBJECT. ABDUCTION OF KIM TAE CHUNG: PRESS GUIDANCE

KIM'S REAPPEARANCE AT SEOUL WAS NOT RAISED AT NOON BRIEFING
AUGUST 14. KOREAN REPORTERS AFTER BRIEFING QUESTIONED
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WHO DREW ON FOLLOWING GUIDANCE:

A. WE ARE CERTAINLY RELIEVED TO LEARN THAT MR. KIM
IS ALIVE AND WELL. THE FACTS OF THIS CASE ARE STILL NOT
CLEAR, BUT INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS ARE UNDER WAY IN
JAPAN AND KOREA WHICH SHOULD SHED LIGHT ON THIS DEPLORABLE
INCIDENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THE KOREAN MINISTER
OF JUSTICE HAS PROMISED TO FIND AND PUNISH THOSE
RESPONSIBLE, AND WE HOPE HE IS ABLE TO DO THIS. WE
DEPLORE, OF COURSE, ILLEGAL ACTS SUCH AS KIDNAPPING OR
ATTEMPTS AT TERRORISM, AS WELL AS ANY INTERFERENCE WITH
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B. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MR. KIM WILL RETURN TO JAPAN IS AN ISSUE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE KOREAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS BOTH OF WHOM, AS ALREADY STATED, ARE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION INTO THE KIDNAPPING.

AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES, MR. KIM AS A RESPECTED KOREAN POLITICAL LEADER IS A WELCOME VISITOR TO THE UNITED STATES. WE HOPE NOTHING WOULD INTERFERE WITH HIS FREEDOM TO RETURN HERE IF HE SO DESIRED.

C. WITH RESPECT TO THE INVESTIGATION OF CIA ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S., WE HAVE MADE KNOWN TO THE KOREAN AUTHORITIES OUR VIEWS AS TO WHAT WE CONSIDER THE PROPER LIMITS OF CIA ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION QUITE CLEARLY. ROGERS

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